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British steamship *Mexican*, for New Orleans via Kingston, Jamaica, May 24, with 43 crew and 47 passengers; holds and living quarters fumigated.

American schooner Ada F. Brown, for Brunswick, May 24, with 12

crew and no passengers; holds and living quarters fumigated.

American schooner M. E. Morse, for Gulfport, May 25, with 9 crew and no passengers; holds and living quarters fumigated.

## History of fatal yellow-fever case previously reported.

This case, reported May 22, occurred in an Italian who had been a resident in Colon for two months, having come here originally from La Guayra. He occupied a small house situated in the extreme back portion of the town. He was discovered by the sanitary inspector of the district, and according to the meager history obtained had been sick three days with fever and vomiting. The health officer ordered him removed to the hospital as a suspicious case. Death occurred twelve hours after admission and not until several hours after death, as the autopsy was being made, was the board of diagnosis called upon to report on the case. The board was not unanimous in its report as there were some features, both clinical and pathological, that might have admitted a doubt as to the case being one of yellow fever. The clinical record and the temperature chart of the hospital showed nothing typical of the disease and covered too short a period to be of value as a diagnostic aid. The post-mortem findings were to my mind, however, enough to warrant a diagnosis of yellow fever.

The source of infection in this case can not be traced. It is now over six months since the last case was reported and it was assumed that the infection did not exist on the Isthmus. That a previous undiscovered case had come in from abroad is hardly probable in view of the strict maritime quarantine in force against outside ports.

Prompt and energetic sanitary measures in the neighborhood where the case was found were immediately instituted and a search for Stegomyia and their breeding places proved negative. Under the present organization of the sanitary department, and considering the remoteness of the locality presumably infected, no apprehension of a further spread is felt.

## Reports from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended May 18, 1906. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, infected.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
May 13 16 17	Belvernon	New Orleans	30 21 23	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0

Week ended May 25, 1906. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.